

The FACEPLATE

The voice of
The Ohio Council of Skin and Scuba Divers, Inc.



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42nd Banquet Ball

It's just a few weeks away! *Scuba Expo 2001*, this year's banquet ball, takes place on the banks of the Ohio River, and beautiful **Shawnee Lodge Resort**, a few minutes west of Portsmouth, Ohio, April 6-8.

Scuba Expo 2001 is presented by the Southern Ohio Scuba Club, and the Ohio Council of Skin and Scuba Divers. It is a weekend dedicated to scuba – travel, equipment, shipwrecks, technical diving, and photography, and the special camaraderie among divers. Join us, and see for yourself.

NOTE: the special discounted price for the whole weekend package has been extended until March 20, 2001. The weekend pass, which includes general admission, all seminars and presentations, Friday night mixer and film festival, Saturday night banquet ball, and the hospitality room, is only \$50!

After March 20, general weekend pass is \$55. **more** Our keynote speaker at the Saturday evening banquet is Marc Bernardi, a well-known name among dive travelers and underwater photographers. Marc is the owner of *Aquatic Encounters*, and has been a presenter at many previous Banquet Balls. His special Saturday presentation will be *Close Encounters with Giants...the Galapagos Islands*.

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Banquet Ball....

Expect the show to be spellbinding.

QAs of press time, the Divers Alert Network will send a speaker, for a presentation Saturday and Sunday. Those who have attended the DAN seminars in the past know they are very interesting and exciting.

The Expo begins Friday evening, with a Caribbean Welcome Party and Mixer. There is also a film festival, featuring the finalists from the Underwater Images Photo and Video Competition.

All day Saturday and Sunday, there will be speakers and presentation from around the state, and a few surrounding areas. Look for productions in dive equipment, photography, shipwrecks, scuba techniques, technical diving, dive safety, and travel.

The hospitality room will be open all weekend. Drop by, and mingle with the speakers, and hundreds of people from all over the state who share your passion for scuba. This will be at the Raven Rock room, and the surrounding 3rd floor mezzanine area.

Saturday evening's festivities begin with a cash bar mixer, and then the 42nd Banquet Ball. Our buffet dinner will feature hors d'oeuvres, carved prime rib and apple-stuffed chicken breast, salads, sides, and dessert.

Awards presentations will follow. Prize winners of the 2001 Underwater Images Competition will be announced. Finally the keynote presentation by Marc Bernardi. The rest of the evening will be filled with music and socializing.

The annual winter meeting of the Ohio Council of Skin and Scuba Diving, Inc. will be Sunday morning at 9 a.m. For everyone else, it's another day of presentations and seminars.

We will endeavor to have a tentative schedule of speakers on our website in a few days. To keep up with all the latest happenings, log on at www.ocssdi.org.

One of the highlights of the 2001 Expo is the setting – the Shawnee Lodge Resort. It's a beautiful lodge, along

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the Ohio River. It's a perfect setting for seeing old friends, and for circulating among the hundreds of like-minded water people. Many of the state's dive clubs are booking the cabins instead of rooms -- a half dozen of your friends together for the weekend will only make it extra special. There are still cabins available. To see what the lodge is like, click on www.shawneelodgeresort.com.

To join us, simply pull up the reservations form, and write your check to Scuba Expo 2001. Or you may register via e-mail to akaskey@yahoo.com -- be sure to include your credit card information. Let us know if you have seating preferences (dive club or group) for Saturday night's Banquet.

If you have specific questions, you may e-mail webmaster@ocssdi.org.

Please notice the date after your name, on the mailing label. If the date is 2001 or life, great. We'll keep in touch this year.

If it is 2000 or earlier, this is the last newsletter you will receive, until you renew. Why not take the time to renew today, or at the Scuba Expo in April?

Those who have already renewed, are receiving their 2001 membership card with this issue. The rest of you will receive yours with the June issue.

Minutes of Ohio Council Meeting - November 12, 2000
Sandusky, Ohio Following Shipwrecks and Scuba

Scott Pansing opened the meeting. The treasurer's report was given by Joe Higginbotham, treasurer:

Balance July 30, 2000 \$5,118.52
Income: Sept 11, 2000 memberships .. \$84.00
Expenses
 Loan to SOS for Scuba Expo 2001... \$1,000.00
 B.A.D. for Rescue Team Gift..... \$100.00
 Ashland Scuba for speakers bureau . \$50.00
Total expenses..... \$1,150.00
Balance as of November 12, 2000 \$4,052.52
OCSSDI Scholarship Fund Balance Sept. 2000..\$2,052.04

Treasurers report accepted

Business items

1. Following the death of two members of Bay Area Divers, the Ohio Council Board of Directors decided to add to the recognition given the Sanilac Dive Rescue Team for their efforts to save and recover the two divers. A check for \$100 was given to the Rescue Team on behalf of Ohio Divers, who frequently dive the Michigan preserves.

This gift was matched by the Aqua Amigo Dive club. A discussion then centered on how to pass tragic news such as this to the dive public quickly and accurately, since following the above accident, much incorrect information was circulating in Ohio. It was decided that each club would be asked to notify the Ohio Council in the event of important news, as soon as possible, and with accurate information. The information can then be sent throughout Ohio via the Web/email group.

2. Scuba Expo 2001

Rob Stone was unable to attend. A booth was set up by Scott Pansing which contained information about this year's Ohio Council Scuba Expo. Flyers were available, and the Faceplate has and will contain information regarding speakers, lodging and prices.

Dive clubs are encouraged to spread the information via their own newsletter and by printing the Ohio Council website for current information as it becomes available.

UNDERWATER IMAGES 2001

There is still an opportunity for you to participate in the 2001 Underwater Images competition. The deadline has been extended to March 20.

This is a world class photo contest, but it has not forgotten its Ohio roots. Therefore, although Buckeye photographers can compete and win (and have!) any and all of the excellent prizes, there is also a special prize for a lucky Ohio entrant. This year, Sea & Sea has generously donated a YS30 strobe as grand prize for the Ohio entrant.

Again this year, prizes have been donated by the biggest names in scuba travel, and many equipment manufacturers.

You may enter either slides, or a video. Categories are: Conservation, wide angle, close up, freshwater, creative, and video. Entries are \$10 each.

For a full list of rules and information, log on at www.uwimages.org. Or you may e-mail director@uwimages.org.

The Council would like to have a booth at the Scuba Expo. Anyone able to volunteer for one hour at the booth should contact Rob Stone or Scott Pansing. This will be the 42nd Ball.

3. Committee Reports

A. Dive Ohio - Rich expressed disappointment in the reception/participation in Dive Ohio 2000. After much discussion about how to better advertise the event, or if it should be continued, a motion was made by Dave Rouch and seconded by Ron Smith that the 2nd Saturday in August be designated as Dive Ohio Day, and that the day be placed on all club dive calendars, the Faceplate and the Website.

B. Media Coverage - following the passage of the Dive Ohio Day, it was decided that media coverage and information about Diving in Ohio/Ohio Council could best be accomplished by producing a Dive Ohio Video. Ken Davis, Twink Miller and Joyce Hayward had produced a slide program called "Dive Ohio" which was given at many dive conventions, but is now outdated. Motion made by Linda Pansing and seconded by Dave Soule to create a Dive Ohio Video.

It was suggested that each dive club enlist the help of their club still (slide) photographers and videographers to submit footage of the local dive sites including shipwrecks in Ohio waters of Lake Erie. The major production would be the editing, creation of narrative, producing the tape with music and narration. Volunteers to work on the project included Roger Roth and Joyce Hayward. A budget would require approval when the collection reached the editing stage in the project. Motion carried.

C. Maritime Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public. Linda Pansing stated that the meeting dates of the MAC should be included in the Ohio Council Calendar along with location and meeting agenda.

Recent projects included the Archaeology workshop which is sponsored in part by the Ohio Council, and documentation of shipwrecks of Kelleys Island. Linda gave a report about the Ohio Shipwreck Center which she oversees, and the opportunities for divers to use the resource. A database to help people who are diving on the lakes and searching for information on shipwrecks is: www.bgsu.edu/colleges/library/hcgl/vessel.html

For more information, call 419-372-9612 or Fax 419-372-9600 or email rgraham@bgnet.bgsu.edu

D. Speakers Bureau - Annette Soule and Marty Bailey stated that they have not had any return on the requests sent out. A form was sent to each dive club asking that members who would be willing to speak about a subject at another dive club (show a video, slides, demonstration, show a collection etc). Although many speakers are known throughout Ohio, none filled out the form. It was suggested that this was not due to lack of interest, but rather lack of time and the request probably got buried in piles of other mail! An-

nette and Marty have decided to focus on printing the information about potential speakers on the website rather than in a booklet form. This project will continue, and the co-chair will continue to attempt to get potential speakers to respond.

E. Legislation: Several concerns were discussed. The Michigan Preserve called Thunder Bay (Alpena) was very recently designated a National Preserve through NOAA. It is not yet known what this will mean to visiting divers, although in the NOAA publication announcing the designation, user fees was listed as a possible option. The Legislation Committee will continue to watch for news regarding this.

Concern about the future availability to dive Isle Royale was discussed. There are strict regulations now in place regarding diving and filling of air tanks due to "noise pollution". It was suggested that if this is a dream trip of Ohio Shipwreck Divers, one may not want to wait too long to visit this dive location. Bill 13, regarding diving shipwrecks in the Province of Ontario, has been brought back before the Canadian legislature. Hearings were held, again, and divers are asked to keep up to date on this important issue by viewing the Niagara Divers Association website (search NDA or Niagara Divers Association for web address and current information)

In addition, there is an apparent need to clarify the existing Canadian law regarding diving in Canada from the US side. Several Ohio divers were cited because they "touched land" in rough seas before calling in to Customs, which resulted in penalties and fines. In addition, the question was asked if the touching of an anchor or attaching a line to a buoy on a Canadian shipwreck would necessitate calling in to customs. Chair, Joyce Hayward, will investigate this issue.

Ron Smith then reported on the legislative initiative to change the existing law regarding possession and administration of oxygen in a diving emergency since according to Ohio law it is a "controlled substance" and can only legally be administered by trained medical professionals. The completion of a dive related "oxygen administration" course or first aid/cpr/o2 course does not fulfill existing requirements. The Ohio Council is attempting to change the language of the law so that the administration of oxygen would fall under the Good Samaritan act.

New Business: Website address for the Ohio Council: ocssdi.org and the webmaster is Robb Shirey The Ohio Council has established an e-group to keep everyone in touch with any given discussion concerning OCSSDI. Go to: www.egroups.com/subscribe/ocssdi

Meeting adjourned

Minutes by Joyce Hayward, Secretary OCSSDI

Club News

...across the state

To give you the latest scoop on the Expo, I'm getting the newsletter out in early March this year. Because of that, most member clubs haven't published their 2001 calendars. But here's the stuff I could glean....

There are 18 member clubs in the OCSSDI. If you want to get your club news and events listed, drop a line, or e-mail, early in June, September, and December, and February.

Or just be sure I get your newsletter. At this time, I get less than a dozen. We'd love to hear what you're doing.

Southern Ohio Scuba

Just returned to Ohio from Cozumel. Now, jumping into preparations for the 42nd annual Banquet Ball. We expect several hundred of you to join us in the mountains April 6-8 — still plenty of cabin space, and you'll have a good time!

Cincinnati Underwater Explorers

Caribbean at Christmas was the theme of our annual Christmas party. To get underwater, we headed to Crystal River in February.

We had a farewell party for club president Mildred McMillian, who is moving to San Diego. Divers as far away as Cleveland came to wish her well.

Springfield Scuba Society

Although winter kept us indoors, it didn't keep us inactive. The club terkked over to the Cincinnati Museum of Natural History, for a day of camaraderie, and learning.

Aqua Amigos

It's a year away, but we're jump-starting next year's Banquet Ball, Aquafest 2002. Our *Tower of Beef Dinner* March 3rd was the kickoff.

Since it's not cold enough here in Cleveland, we're headed north to the annual Peterborough Ice Flow races in just a couple weeks.

Lima Scubanauts

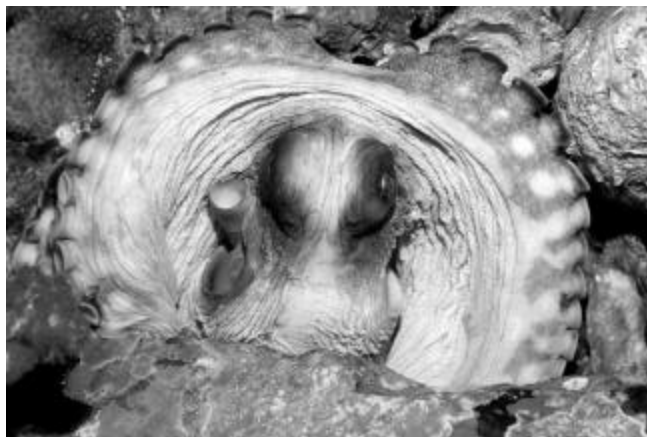
As you read this, a group of Scubanauts is basking at Marlin Bay Resort in Fiji. Our monthly swim and meeting at the YWCA continues through March, when we switch to Long Lake for the summer.

This year's Steak Roast is September 8.

Columbus Sea Nags

March is our month for wreck diving, among other things. We're off for a wreck/ice dive in Charlevoix, MI. Then it's a wreck diving forum March 11, and a practice dive at Gilboa on St. Paddy's Day.

Join us for the pool party at Sub-Aquatics, March 24.



Labor Day weekend.

It's off to Costa Rica in August, for diving, and trekking.

Buckeye Divers

Our holiday weekends for 2001 are booked. We'll be diving at Panama City Beach over Memorial Day, and Southport N. C. over the July 4th weekend, and Kingston, Ontario, over the

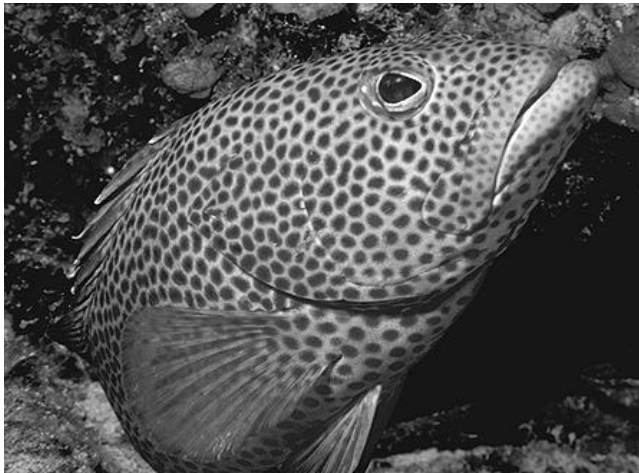
T.A. Club

February again found us in Missouri, underground and under water, at Bonne Terre Mines. Then we send another dozen to Dominica in March.

Our March meeting will feature slides of Honduras by Paul Chilton, and April is guest speaker Marty Bailey.

Toledo Submariners

We can't wait any longer. Our brave souls and numb divers start the 2001 dive season April 8 at Gilboa Quarry . Then we



stay active with two dives each month at a different dive quarry.

Lake Erie Wreck Divers

We're back from Cayman Brac in February, and we're gone to Cozumel, Generally, a good way to spend the winter. One big cruise each month is scheduled for June through August.

Bay Area Divers

February's meeting had our annual club photo contest. We'll see if some of these entries make it to *Underwater Images*.

Lots of travel this spring, as members attend festivals in Ontario, New York, Chicago, and Shawnee Lodge.

Aqua Mariners

Annual Easter Egg Dive is coming up. We've changed the date to April 22. See you there! Then May 26-28, we'll put in a weekend of diving at camping at White Star.

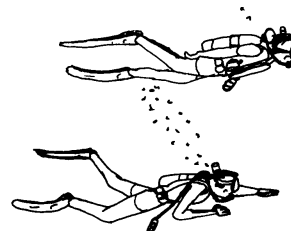
Membership for 2001 Ohio Council of Skin & Scuba Divers



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ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ ST _____ ZIP _____
Club affiliation, if any _____ PHONE _____

Dues: \$12 per year. \$8 per year, if a member of an affiliate club. Make checks to OCSSDI, send to:

Rich Lauer
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Schedule of Events

March 20: **Deadline**, early discount for OCSSDI Banquet Ball

March 23-25: **Beneath the Sea**, Secaucus, N.J.

www.beneaththesea.org

March 24: **Shipwrecks 2001**, Wellend Ontario

March 24: **Annual Seafood Dinner**, Buckeye Divers

April 6-8, 2001: **42nd Annual OCSSDI Banquet Ball**

Shawnee State Park

See flier, related articles

April 8: **OCSSDI Meeting**, Shawnee State Park

new officers take over

April 27-29: **Our World Underwater**, Chicago, IL

April 22: **Easter Egg Dive**, Lake Cable (note new date!)

sponsored by the Aqua Mariners

April 29: **Scuba Swim for Diabetes**

Cleveland State University, www.dagc.org/scuba

June 24: **Pirates Dive For DAN**, Bay Area Divers

White Star Quarry

July 28-29: **Barbecue for Dan**, Portage Quarry

sponsored by the TA Club

July 29: **OCSSDI Meeting**, Portage Quarry

August 11: **OCSSDI Dive Ohio Day**

September 8: **Steak Roast**, at Long Lake

Hosted by Lima Scubonauts

September 17: **Put-In-Bay Cleanup**

November 17: **Shipwrecks and Scuba**,

Bay Area Divers, Sandusky, Ohio

November 18: **OCSSDI Meeting**, Sandusky

